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Welcome to the parade

Volunteers work all year to ensure success of 'Cheers For Team USA'

When the Annual Northville 4th of July Parade starts this year and the Cheers for Team USA begin, it will be culmination of planning that began a year ago, just as the parade ended last year.

Volunteers from the Northville Community Foundation, which organizes and coordinates the parade annually, took careful notes last year and analyzed the parade judges' comments to see what they might improve this year. That has become their practice since the foundation took on the parade in 1999 and the volunteers work all year to ensure that they bring back the crowd favorites and add new elements to the annual event that often draws as many as 20,000 people lined up along downtown streets.

The Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt public charity, is dedicated to improving life in the Northville community. While the parade may be the most obvious of the efforts of the organization, they do

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much more every year, explained Executive Director Jessica Striegle.

“It's part of our mission statement to improve the quality of life in our area and we do that with scholarships, grants, holiday gift baskets for seniors, the Holiday Home Tour, and of course, the parade,” she said. “Our biggest effort, however, is the operation of Maybury Farm, a fully working farm open for visits where we have special events to edu-

cate the public about many arts and skills that are part of American history.”

Striegle said that funds earned from events like the Holiday Home Tour help feed and provide for the needs of the animals at the farm, which are always a big attraction for young children. The animals are all very people friendly and used to lots of petting and hands-on visits, she explained.

The annual corn maze at the farm is also a fundraising event which helps fund the health and care of the animals, she said, and the small entrance fee to the farm helps with maintenance of the buildings and barns.

The foundation also annually awards scholarship to students who are making a difference in the community through volunteerism and donates backpacks loaded with school supplies to students in need through the Backpacks for Kids program.

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Volunteers from page 1

“We have a lot of volunteers on whom we depend. Without them, our work in the community would not be possible,” she said.

The foundation also awards grants to

other community efforts as part of their dedication to improving life in the community. Last year, grants were awarded to: Friends of Maybury State Park for the Regional Trailhead Project; New Hope Center for Grief Support; the Northville Art House; Northville High School

Band; the Northville Historical Society; Northville Senior Adult Services; Northville Township Police Department D.A.R.E. Program; St. George Ministries through Donor Advised Fund and to St. Mary Mercy Hospital Behavioral Health Services Unit.

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Citizen of the Year

Former long-time mayor honored by Chamber of Commerce

The Citizen of the Year in the Northville 4th of July parade this year will be a familiar face to many in the cheering crowds.

Chris Johnson, who served as mayor of the City of Northville for 28 years, was chosen by the Chamber of Commerce for the John Genitti Citizen of the Year Award this year.

The award, which is based on an individual's involvement and concern for the community, and "being a role model for community youth and citizens" was presented to Johnson by the Chamber of Commerce in October. Johnson did not seek re-election after serving as mayor of the city since 1987. He was re-elected every two year since then, until he opted

not to continue in the job.

Johnson was born in what was West Berlin, Germany, the son of Detroit natives, Thomas and Joan Johnson. His father was stationed in Germany with the U.S. Air Force at the time but the family returned to the U.S. in 1956. The family moved from Detroit to Northville and Johnson enrolled in Northville Public Schools. He was president of his 1973 graduating class.

Following his graduation, Johnson attended the University of Michigan working at Salem Hills Golf course to fund his education. After graduation, he earned his juris doctorate from the



Chris Johnson

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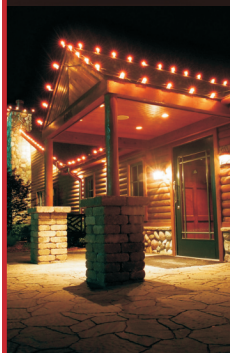


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Citizen from page 3

Michigan State University College of Law, the former Detroit College of

Chris Johnson, the Citizen of the Year, was also the chairman of the Downtown Development Authority in Northville from November 1987 until December, 2006.

During his tenure, the DDA completed projects including:

- Construction of two parking decks 1995
- Hiring of the first DDA director 1999
- Construction of Hutton Park 2001
- Strategic Plan update 2006
- Construction of Town Square in 2008
- Streetscape improvements 2012
- Comerica community connection 2013
- Adoption of new DDA and TIF plan 2015
- Wayfinding project 2015

Law. He specialized in municipal law and during the early 90s, was one of the founding attorneys of Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich, where he continues to practice law.

Johnson and his wife, Patsy, were married in 1982 and moved to their current home on Main Street. They are the parents of two grown children, Karlek and Tollie.

Karlek Johnson graduated from Northville High School in 2006 and earning his degree in political science from the University of Michigan and his law degree at the University of Illinois. He is currently an associate with a firm in Chicago, ILL.

Tollie is also a graduate of Northville High School and earned her degree from Purdue University. She currently works in public relations, marketing and event planning and divides her time between Chicago and Europe.

Projects completed during Citizen of the Year Chris Johnson's tenure as mayor of the City of Northville included:

- Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the city in 2005
- 1998 City Hall renovation
- Ford Field Park purchase and development
- Fish Hatchery Park redevelopment
- Northville District Library construction
- Community Center renovation
- Ongoing street improvement program
- Bear Avenue bridge reconstruction
- Rural Hill Cemetery expansion
- Two new parking structures
- Reconstructed parking lots downtown
- Fire department partnership with the City of Plymouth
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Mercy became a verified Level II Trauma Center through the American

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St Mary from page 5

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Northville City Council
Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix
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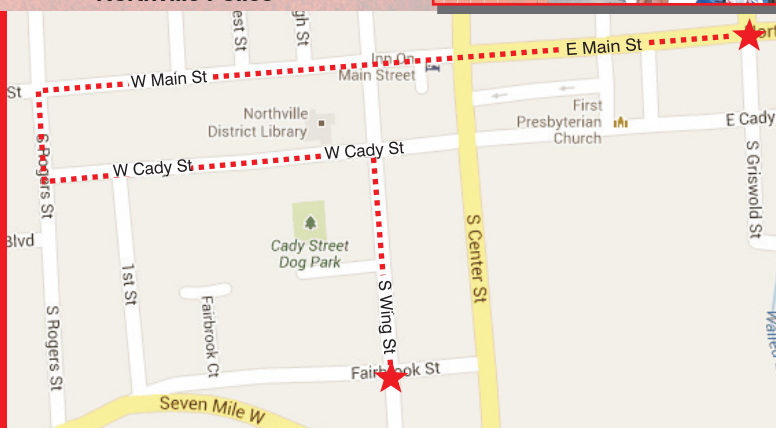
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 Float
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Lady Liberty Parade icon is a Northville family tradition

For 20 years, Lady Liberty has graced the annual Northville 4th of July parade and she will be waving to the assembled crowds again this year.

Her vehicle has changed several times, parts of her costume have been updated, and the original Lady Liberty, Diana Wallace, has passed the torch on to her daughters, but her spirit remains exactly as it was when the tradition began back in 1997.

Wallace said she started appearing in the parade dressed as the iconic symbol of our country when she first became involved with the parade committee.

"Karen Brown and Karen Woodside and I worked on the parade committee and came up with the idea. We switched off doing it and I think I was Lady Liberty the second year and then did it for the last 10 years," Wallace said.

Wallace, who was born in Northville and raised in Dexter, has lived in the community since 1986 and both her



Kelly, Amy and Diana Wallace share the Lady Liberty parade title.

daughters grew up here and graduated from Northville High School.

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Wallace said she decided to give her daughters the opportunity to appear in the parade two years ago.

"They are both very active in the community," Wallace said, "and now they are taking turns being Lady Liberty in the parade." Amy Wallace, 36, took on the task two years ago and will do the honors again this year. Her sister, Kelly Wallace, 34, rode in the parade last year.

This year, Lady Liberty will be riding in the brand new Buick Cascada convertible, the latest in a series of vehicles to transport Lady Liberty during the past years.

"It's a beautiful car," Wallace said.

All three women work at MB Financial Bank in Ann Arbor, the sponsors of the welcome bottles of water handed out to participants as they finish the parade route.

"The water is very welcome. It gets hot," Wallace said. That heat was one



Kelly Wallace as Lady Liberty.

reason Lady Liberty's polyester dress was changed to all-cotton fabric recently, while her crown and scepter remain the original Styrofoam, sequins and pipe cleaner designs from

decades ago.

The costume is stored in a closet in their Northville home until it is time to join the parade every year.

"We love it," Wallace said.



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Announcers return for 2016

Cheering for Team USA behind the microphones during the parade will be perennial announcers Dr. William Demray and well-known radio personality Lisa Barry.

The pair have been announcing the parade for several years and their rapport has kept parade audiences charmed, no matter what the situation. They admit, they have had their moments behind the announcers table, but agreed that they love being involved in the annual celebration of all things patriotic and all things Northville.

Demray is the owner of Preservation Dental on Main Street and Barry has worked with nearly every major radio station in the Detroit area.

Barry is a member of the Northville Community Foundation Board of Directors and said the public really has no idea how much work, effort and time goes into the work the foundation does in the community. She said that they are very proud of their accomplishments in Northville.

The pair agreed they enjoy their announcing duties and welcome the opportunity to add to the event every year.

"As long as they ask us back," they said.

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Decades of service

Foundation to mark 20 years of service to community

Next year will mark the 20th anniversary of the Northville Community Foundation a group dedicated to making life better for residents.

The Northville Community Foundation was founded on July 2, 1997, as the Northville community was growing and was in need of a vehicle to begin endowing funds for altruistic efforts in the years to come.

The first task of the foundation was in response to a request by the Northville Township Board of Trustees to host their Centennial Year in 1998. The Centennial Year celebrations included Opening Ceremonies, the publication of a history book,

One of the most significant tasks of the foundation is the management and operation of Maybury Farm, a source of pride throughout the Northville community.

Northville Township...From the Beginning, the publication of a community cookbook entitled Recipes & Remembrances, and the Closing Ceremonies. There was also a Dinner Dance and auction that raised funds to

help begin the endowments for the foundation. That year also saw the beginning of the Northville Community Foundation annual Holiday Home Tour. This event begins the holiday season in Northville and features five privately owned homes that are professionally decorated for the holidays. The Holiday Home Tour has been extremely popular, selling out each year and will continue this November.

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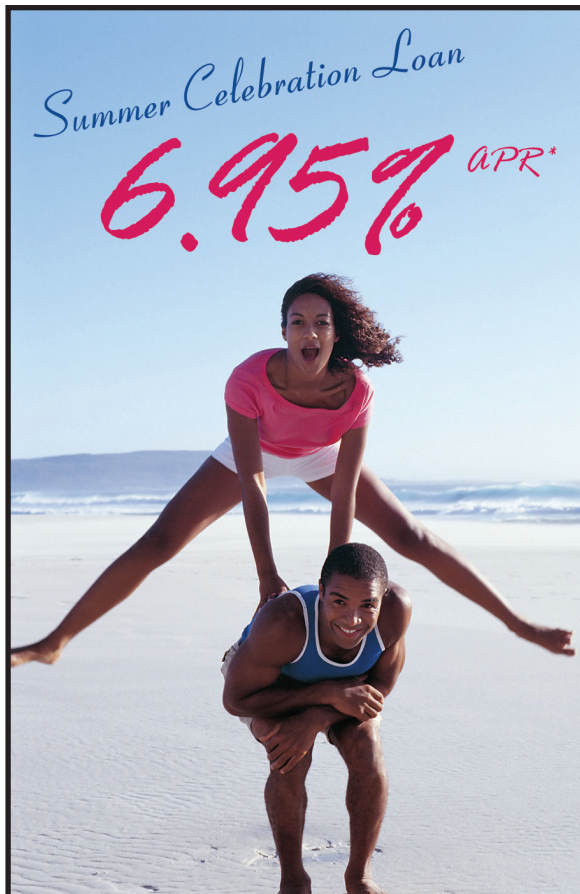
of Natural Resources (DNR) asked the Northville Community Foundation to consider assuming responsibility for the operation of Maybury Farm which the state had closed in a move to divest itself of all activities other than parks.

As negotiations for the transfer continued, a mid-February fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barns and livestock at the farm, which was still under the direction and control of the DNR. Adding to the loss, the state was self-insured so there was no funding to rebuild. Shari Peters, the director of the foundation at the time, and the members of the board of directors knew that the task to rebuild would be enormous but made the decision to move forward and take over the farm.

The foundation board members and officials from the DNR reached



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an agreement and the foundation officially took ownership of the farm on Nov. 1, 2003. The goal of the foundation, clearly understood by the state and the township was to rebuild the farm as an educational experience for children throughout southeast Michigan where they could visit and learn about the workings of an operating farm.

In January 2004, the search began for 'just the right barns' to replace those lost in the fire. New barn designs were offered, however it was felt that the preservation and refurbishment of existing barns would be more in keeping with the authenticity and heritage of the original farm. The Barn Committee selected barns from the property now known as Island Lakes Subdivision in Novi. The exterior and interior details of the century-old barns fit the farm perfectly and thanks to the efforts of the Novi City Council and Toll Brothers the barn



donation was made possible. On Aug. 7, 2005, the barns were moved as they stood 40-feet tall and as wide as the two lane roads and their shoulders— 4 miles from Novi to Maybury Farm.

From that day forward hundreds upon hundreds of individual and family donors and more than 100 corporations stepped up to help the Northville Community Foundation rebuild Maybury Farm. The Ford Motor Co. was a major donor of manpower and

expertise. The Northville Community Foundation received no tax dollars for the rebuilding of the farm which was accomplished with the outpouring of support from corporations and donors from 23 communities.

Maybury Farm was officially reopened on Sept. 20, 2005. Staying true to the Foundation mission, the working farm continues to offer educational programs and activities for all ages.



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